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from the

PRESIDENT'S DESK

Well we made it home from the ANA convention in Atlanta, Georgia alright. The hot and humid weather really got to me this year, so it was good to come home to the cooler Connecticut weather.

First I'd like to thank all my officers for a very successful two years from 1975-1977. I think this fine group of officers is extra special. As the same group of officers were all re-elected may we have another two good years. Without the help of all my officers it can't be done. So keep up the good work and lets make this another two good years.



The T.E.C. meeting held in Atlanta, Georgia, was a success I'm happy to say. There were plenty of elongated coins passed around in the little baggies and plenty of nice door prizes were won at the T.E.C. meeting too. Thanks to the kind members who donated all of these elongated coins and other gifts, so the members could add to their growing collections.

Now that the convention is over we will start making plans for the coming year. I don't know at this writing if we will give out a special TEC NEWS coin, but I will look into this. Thanks to Mr. Lloyd E, Wagaman for donating these coins to the T.E.C. members for the past six years. These elongated coins are a collectors item as in some years we gave out less than a 100 and in other years we only gave out just a few over a 100 coins. So there is a low mintage of these coins and the only way to get them was to write an article for the TEC NEWS.

We will have a drive to get new members, so if we all just would bring in one new member this would help a lot. So do your part and get a new member for 1978. I signed up a new member while I was sitting in the hotel lobby, so welcome to the club Mr. William Canary. Have also sent out a few applications since I've been home.

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As always we would like some good articles for our TEC NEWS. If you have some stories about elongated coins, write about them, as this is what we want more of. So lets hear from some who never have written before. Share your knowledge with us all.

I would like to see more elongated coin exhibits at the A.N.A. convention next year in Texas. So if you plan on exhibiting please lets hear about it. Remember we give the Henry Blaha Memorial Award for the best exhibit at the convention and you may be the lucky one to win it.

Remember folks there are two books being written for you. Please send in and order a book or two. You won't be sorry that you did. Each book will have a lot of information about elongated coins and is a must for everyone to have. So please send in and order that book now. Lee Martin hopes to have his book ready in early spring. When the book is ready Lee Martin will let you know and will also give you the price of the book too. A. A. Rosato is also taking orders for his book too. Neither book is ready, but you can order a book now to be sure you can buy one when they are ready. I know you won't be sorry.

I'd like to thank each and everyone who has helped TEC in any way in the last two years. This has been appreciated by me more than you know. Thanks again folks and may God Bless you all.

Convention Badges

If you had ordered a 1977 Atlanta Convention badge and had not sent for it yet, do so NOW. The cost of the 1977 badges are \$3.30. Send to the secretary Al Kirka, 116 Oak St., Manchester, Conn. 06040 Also available for a cost of \$2.30 are TEC convention badges from the following years, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1973, 1974 and 1975.

The TEC dues will be due starting January 1st. If you want to beat the Christmas rush before you spend all your money, why not send in your 1978 dues now. The deadline for 1978 TEC dues in March 31st. If you haven't paid by then you will be dropped from the membership list. As you know we never seem to be able to get the new pennies for our membership coins so if we can't get the 1978 pennies we will use the 1977 ones. Membership coins will not be ready until March of 1978. TEC dues are \$5.00 per year.

If you intend buying any of the two books that are now being written about elongated coins, why not order yours now. Lee Martin's book will soon be ready and he will let you know the price later, and so will A.A. Rosato. Don't be left out on these books, or you will be sorry later. So write to Lee Martin, P.O. Box 667, Beaumont Calif. 92223, and A.A. Rosato, 44 Bank St., New Milford, Conn. 06776 They will both let you know when the books are ready. Each will be different. So order your copy now.

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE
ATTENTION**

The opinions written in the articles, in the TEC NEWS are not necessarily those of the editor, or the officers of the TEC Club. The editor reserves the right to edit articles as deemed necessary. Articles unsigned will not be used. Short articles are preferred. Long article will be put in two parts or put in when there is space for them. The entire contents of articles sent to the editor become the property of TEC and will not be returned and none are to be re-printed, in whole or in part without the written permission of the editor.

Photos sent in with articles or ads must be sent to us already screened for printing, as our budget does not allow for this screening process. Sharp and clear newspaper photos can be used as these have already been screened for printing, and if they are not to large. Derogatory articles will not be printed.

NOTICE!**ALL ADVERTISERS**

New rates are now in effect for ads in TEC NEWS as passed by board action in Miami, Florida, August 14, 1974.

Price of "Camera ready" copy to remain the same, but if set up by editor, which will be a typewriter set-up with no art work, the price for ads will be doubled.

Camera ready - Full page ad \$10.00,	$\frac{1}{2}$ page \$6.00,	$\frac{1}{4}$ page \$3.50
Editor setup - Full page ad \$20.00,	$\frac{1}{2}$ page \$12.00,	$\frac{1}{4}$ page \$7.00

DEADLINE NOTICE

DEADLINE DATES FOR NEXT ISSUE

Ads - Nov. 17th

Articles - Nov. 19th

TEC BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING - AUGUST 24, 1977

The Elongated Collectors Board of Governors meeting was held in the Grant Room at the Marriott Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia at the ANA convention at 5 P.M. on August 24, 1977.

There were five Board members present at the meeting, president Sally Kirka, vice president Ruby Threlkeld, secretary Al Kirka, and Board members Harold Anderson and Richard Townsend.

A discussion was held about the Merit Award Coin, that a member gets this award for outstanding service to TEC and must be earned by the members receiving them. Anyone donating coins for TEC NEWS will receive the Merit Award when the coins are used that year.

A motion was made and passed to give this Merit Award Coin to Arthur Fitts III and to The Numismatic News if the die has not already been destroyed.

A discussion was held about the free door prizes. Unless more members donate door prizes, this will be our last year for this. If any members wishes to donate, this will be greatly appreciated.

President Sally Kirka explained about our A.N.A. show case. The money will be donated this fall to Arthur Fitts for the show case if the show case is used exclusively for TEC elongated coins and nothing else. This was already passed last year. At this time no show case was available.

A discussion was held to give more awards such as a plaque to a deserving person or persons as deemed necessary, or at the president's discretion. Motion made and passed to do this.

A motion was made and passed to reimburse the editor for film, flashbulbs, processing and screening pictures for TEC NEWS as needed.

A discussion was held about having a membership drive to get more members. All Board members agreed to help. President Sally Kirka said she already signed up one new member while sitting in the hotel lobby.

Board members promised to write more articles for TEC NEWS and will try to get more members to write articles.

President Sally Kirka thanked the Board members and officers on a job well done by all and especially thanked them all for answering business letters right away. She said they were a fine group to work with.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Al Kirka, secretary

NOTICE - - - - NOTICE - - - - NOTICE

Because of the pressure of a heavy work schedule for the next couple of months I will have to take it easy and slow down a little. With the Christmas rush on too, the January issue of TEC NEWS will be mailed sometime in January. Let me enjoy my Christmas and birthday too, this year. So don't give up hope as you'll get your January issue before you know it.

We need good articles about elongated coins, so why not sit down and write that article now. The deadline for ads is November 17th and for articles it's November 19th. Remember the article must be at my home by the deadline, or it will go into a later issue. I can't keep up this pace I'm going at so the deadline will be strictly enforced.

TREASURER'S REPORT - - - - by Chester Grabowski

Checking account report for year - Aug. 1, 1976 to Aug. 1, 1977

Balance as of Aug. 1, 1976 - - - - - \$ 474.88

Income for year Aug. 1, 1976 to Aug. 1, 1977

Dues - - - - -	1,230.00
Sale of badges - - - - -	-460.50
TEC NEWS ads - - - - -	54.50
Donations - - - Charles Strickland for TEC display case at ANA	25.00
Richard Carpenter - - - - -	8.40
Harold Butner - - - - -	2.00
Theodore Steinhauer - - - - -	1.00
John Wilcox - - - - -	1.00
Total income - - -	\$2,257.28

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Expenses for year - Aug. 1, 1976 to Aug. 1, 1977

Literary Award Plaque for 1975 - - - - -	\$ 23.00
Xerox copies of 1975-1976 treasurer's report - - - - -	1.61
Postal Instant Press - Printing four issues of TEC NEWS - - -	762.48
Postage for mailing four issues of TEC NEWS - - - - -	302.64
TEC NEWS ad refund - - - - -	10.00
Rolling of 1976 TEC badges - - - - -	50.00
Postage for mailing Merit Award Coins - - - - -	5.50
Secretary's Postage - - - - -	-26.00
Secretary's supplies - - - - -	-3.72
Four badge refunds - - - - -	15.00
ANA dues - - - - -	15.00
TAMS dues - - - - -	6.00
Printing of membership cards - - - - -	15.52
Rolling 1977 membership coins - - - - -	75.00
Purchase of quarters for 1977 badges - - - - -	40.00
President's postage - - - - -	26.00
Bank service charge - - - - -	12.61
TEC NEWS supplies - - - - -	26.75
Cost of TEC NEWS address returns & 300 dues envelopes - - -	6.49
Ribbon for 1977 TEC badges - - - - -	74.90
Purchase of five plaques, - Henry Blaha Memorial Award, Literary Award, Best Elongated Rolled, Presidential and Most Help to President - - - - -	120.00
Closed account check returned - - - - -	5.00
Printing of ballots - - - - -	7.52
ANA program book patron listing - - - - -	10.00
Cost of rolling 1977 TEC badges - - - - -	50.00
Total expenses - - - -	\$1,690.74

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Checking Account balance as of Aug. 1, 1977 - - - - - \$ 566.54

Savings account balance as of Aug. 3, 1976 - - - - -	\$1,391.71
Interest from Aug. 3, 1976 to Aug. 4, 1977 - - - - -	71.27
Savings account balance as of Aug. 4, 1977 - - - - -	\$1,462.98

MINUTED OF THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS ANNUAL MEETING 8-26-77

The annual meeting of "The Elongated Collectors" was held at the Tara Rooms, #1 & #2, of the Marriott Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia, on August 26, 1977. The meeting was called to order by president Sally Kirka at 2:00 P.M.

President Sally Kirka then introduced the TEC officers at the head table and some of the past officers and visiting guests.

There were about 75 TEC members and guests present at this annual TEC meeting.

The secretary's report of the TEC Board meeting which was held August 24th was read and accepted as read. A motion was made and passed to dispense with the reading of the minutes of last years annual TEC meeting because it was published in TEC NEWS for all to read.

The treasurers yearly report was read and accepted as read. The books have been audited and found to be in order.

President Sally Kirka explained to the members why she held off sending in the \$500.00 donation for the A.N.A. show case. As of this time there was no show case available. Mr. Arthur Fitts III of the A.N.A. has written to the President Sally Kirka that they will be adding on to the museum and if we donate to the museum now, we will be first in line for a show case. President Sally Kirka said, that first we all want to make sure that this show case is only used for elongated coins. I'm sure the members will keep them supplied with elongated coins and they will have enough to change the exhibit through-out the year.

Vice president and Historian Chairlady Mrs. Ruby Threlkeld gave a report about the TEC History Book and the TEC Archives. President Sally Kirka thanked Mrs. Threlkeld on a job well done.

President Sally Kirka then presented the Merit Award Coins to twelve TEC members who have earned it. This Merit Award Coin was made and donated to TEC by Lloyd E. Wagaman. Thank you Lloyd from all of us. All those that received one and weren't there will have theirs sent to them. The names of the Award winners are, Sally Kirka Al Kirka, Lloyd E. Wagaman, Bob Luchtman, Ruby Threlkeld, Margo Russell, Chester Grabowski, Chester Rogers, Don Adams, Richard Townsend, Harold Anderson and Dottie Dow in that order. The Board of Directors also voted to give Arthur Fitts and the Numismatic News a Merit Award Coin too. Arthur Fitts for all the help he gives us for TEC meeting rooms at the convention and the Numismatic News for the publicity for the articles about elongated coins. These Award Coins will be mailed to them.

A plaque was presented to Lloyd E. Wagaman for the best coin rolled during the year 1976. As Mr. Wagaman was not there to receive the award, The plaque will be mailed to him. Mr. Wagaman won with his beautiful Calendar half dollar coin.

The Literary Award plaque was presented to Bill Henderson for his article "Elongates can tell an interesting story, too". This story was about a boy and his dog named "OLD DRUM" and a very good story it is too.

The Henry Blaha Memorial Award plaque was presented to Marvin Burnett for the best elongated exhibit at the A.N.A. convention. Mr. Burnett had a very outstanding exhibit and also won an A.N.A. award with this exhibit.

The Presidents Plaque, presented to the person who had helped the president the most during the year was presented to Al Kirka. President Sally Kirka then told how she had pneumonia twice during the year and it was Al that helped most with all the TEC work.

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MINUTES OF TEC ANNUAL MEETING

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The secretary then told the president she had a plaque coming to her too, but he thought why carry it back and forth to Atlanta, so he had it home in the living room as a surprise to her.

The president then presented all TEC members that were at the TEC meeting, a bag of goodies, or elongated coins. A few bags were left over so these were given out to the guests. The door prizes that were donated by the TEC members were then drawn by the members. There were many very nice door prizes thanks to these few members. Those that sent in coins to be judged for the best coin were then won by some lucky people.

Don Adams donated a few bronze bars to the president to do as she thought best. So President Sally Kirka presented all the officers with one and I think they all appreciated this. So thank you Don Adams for this nice donation. Sally Kirka also made some special P.N.Covers for all the officers and these were given to them all.

We all received a pleasant surprise from George Kesterson from Mineral Wells, Texas, as he donated \$50.00 toward the TEC show case, for the A.N.A. Museum. A special thanks to you from all of us. Dottie Dow then donated \$44.00 worth of her elongated coins (all different) to be auctioned off at the meeting and the money was donated for the A.N.A. show case. This brought in \$24.00. Then Harold Anderson donated some P.N.Covers with his elongated coin in it to be auctioned off and this brought in another \$12.00. By the way our thanks to Lee Martin for doing such a superb job as auctioneer.

Lee Martin also gave a short talk about how his new book was coming along. Please folks if you haven't ordered your book yet, please do so at once.

Kenneth Hallenbeck, a member of the A.N.A. Board of Directors was a guest at our TEC meeting and gave us a short talk on what some of the changes would be next year at the A.N.A. convention.

Before the meeting came to an end, anyone that wanted to tell about any coin they had for sale, or any story about elongated coins had a chance to talk about it. This proved very interesting to exchange views about different elongated coins.

President Sally Kirka then announced that all the same officers were all re-elected again for another two year term. President Sally Kirka then thanked her officers for helping her during the last two years hoped they do the same in the next two years. President Kirka then thanked everyone for coming to the TEC meeting as this turned out to be a very nice meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Al Kirka, Secretary

NOTICE

Received word from Robert J. Dadson, 409 Eighth St., Carlstadt, N.J. 07072, that he would like to buy a 1967 TEC badge if any member has one to sell. If interested in selling one, please write to the above address first, before sending the badge. If the price is right maybe you can make a deal with Bob Dadson. There are many around, but not many members are willing to part with theirs. TEC sold them for \$2.30 until they were sold out, but the last I heard, the dealers were asking a high price for this badge.

ROLLING ELONGATED COINS AT FISHERMANS WHARF - by Abe Geftter TEC #121
New York, N.Y.

I have visited San Francisco many times, as our younger daughter lives there and every time I went there I am still fascinated by this city.

My wife Anna and I have traveled extensively and we have visited many famous cities in France, Italy, Russia, Israel, Japan, and Taiwan and our own United States. Yet San Francisco is very different from all the cities I've seen.

San Francisco is a city of hills running east, west, north and south, with its majestic Golden Gate Bridge, with its famous cable cars and its familiar bell ringing and Lombard Street, the worlds crookedest street. Lombard Street is lined with beautiful flower beds and automobiles can travel down only but never up.

One of San Francisco's main attractions is the worlds famous "Fisherman's Wharf" which is lined with equally world famous restaurants, yachts and fishing boats by the hundreds. Surrounding the Fishermans Wharf are botique shops and art stores galore.

Nearby is "Ghirardeli Square", this is not a square, actually it is a complex of stores on several open levels built on the roof tops of several buildings which formerly housed a huge chocolate factory. The whole complex is artistically filled with shrubs and flowers which give it a park like atmosphere.

My favorite spot is the Fishermans Wharf. One can see on the sidewalk in front of the restaurants every type of mouth watering sea food prepared in front of your eyes and the aroma is overwhelming.

Strolling one sunny afternoon in these surroundings I came upon a roller with a beautiful completely nickel plated rolling machine with a sign reading, "Get your Souvenir of the Golden Gate Bridge, Fishermans Wharf and Cable Car on a penny."

At the A.N.A. Convention in Boston several years back I saw Mr. Rosato at our TEC meeting demonstrate how elongated coins are produced, but I never saw it produced on a city sidewalk. When I approached this roller not a single person was watching this man roll elongated coins.

I introduced myself by showing him my 1977 TEC membership elongated coin and I presented him with a Statue of Liberty elongated coin. He was delighted to receive it and he in turn presented me with his elongated coins.

The elongated coins he was rolling were on 1977 pennies and were not colored so the back would show. So I picked out a couple of my older pennies from my pocket and he rolled them for me at 25¢ a piece. This I considered very reasonable since this elongated coin may be unlisted. In a little while we were surrounded by a large curious crowd watching perhaps for the first time in their life how an elongated coin was being rolled.

By this time my family reminded me that we had a big dinner appointment and we had to leave in a hurry and I was not able to find out this rollers name and address. Would this roller be the one mentioned in Doug Fairbank's story "Mystery Roller Identified" TEC NEWS Volume XII No. 1? I shall remember this particular visit to the Fishermans Wharf for a long time. I enjoyed every minute of my visit there.

STORING ELONGATED COINS

by Sally Kirka TEC #16
Manchester, Conn.

I received a letter from Ronald F. Vanderbur of 2332 E. 10th Street, Anderson, Indiana 46012, who wrote and told me how he had stored his elongated coins. He has a very good idea and its sort of interesting and maybe some of the members would like to try his idea. I have a feeling each person will find his own way she or he will store their elongated coins, but Ronald's idea is a very good one too.

Ronald bought those larger file cards, 4"x6" and on one side with a marking pencil he writes from whom he received the elongated coin, the date etc. Then he marked down what the coin is, who had rolled it and on what kind of a coin it is. Then on the last few lines it tells who gave him the coin, or if he bought it, he records from whom. The elongated coins are put in holders and each coin is then stapled to the card. These are all kept in a neat file wherever a person keeps them, hopefully in a bank.

Everything is so neatly done that this is really a very good idea to follow. Ronald sent me three samples to look over and I'm very well pleased with this idea. If you do this as neat as he did, you will have a very nice record of your elongated coins. Anytime Ronald wants to look up one of his coins he can do this very easily and everything is recorded on this file card.

What I really got a kick out of seeing is how the TEC membership card and elongated coin was recorded. The TEC membership card is held in place with those photo corner stickers that you place on the corner of photos when you place them in a photo album, and then it is placed on a file card. It really looks very nice and again a very nice idea.

If you members have other ideas on how you store your elongated coins, why not write about it and let other TEC members know how you are storing yours. The TEC members may like it and may just try your idea.

Thank you Ronald Vanderbur for sharing your idea with us and just maybe some one will like your idea and will do the same as you. We learn from each other.

Just the other day Barbara Izzo was over my house and showed me how she stores her elongated coins and her idea was good too. I will ask her to write an article for us herself.

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AN ELONGATED COLLECTOR WRITES

by Peter Carmel TEC #712
Englewood, New Jersey

I think a good reference book such as the one Lee Martin and Dottie Dow are planning is a very good idea and anyone who collects elongated coins, should have a copy around. Especially if a member intends to buy or sell elongated coins. One way of stopping dealers and sellers from not listing coins so they can make money and take advantage of buyers is to put a notice in large letters at the very beginning of such a reference book to warn buyers that the coins not listed are doubtful and "let the buyer beware". Or let buyers know they may be buying a pig in a poke. This warning should be repeated several times. I have been asked all kinds of weird prices every time I show interest in a coin that some coin shops might have laying around among other coins. I've had a dealer tell me that a common coin, because it was elongated was very rare as the mint was testing the metal and it was worth x amount of dollars. I guess some sucker will come along sooner or later and will pay the high price he is asking. When I told him "they are quite common", he gives me a look as if I was trying to cheat him.

It also seems if rollers and dealers would keep their prices in line. It would be a great boon to the collectors and bring many more people into the collecting of the elongated coins. The more people who buy will mean that the more collectors there will be in the future.

In the July-August-September issue I see the members are still not getting articles in for the TEC NEWS. You would be surprised how many of the members would love to read what you have to say about elongated coin you have or where and how you got them and your description of your elongated coins. Let us know if they were rolled on tokens, pennies, dimes, nickels, quarters, halves, etc. There is so little current information we are really hungry for some really good stories and think of the nice elongated coin you will receive for writing about what you have. Make up a list and advertise in TEC NEWS and I'm sure you will sell anything you have, but keep your prices within reason. So tell us more about your collection and your articles will be more appreciated. My own collection is quite small. I am only just starting, but my collection is growing and I am interested in adding to it. So please let us know what you have available for sale. We know that postage is costly to send out advertisements, but an ad in TEC NEWS is very inexpensive and covers the biggest market for the seller. So why not use ads in our TEC NEWS. The income from the ad would be helping us all.

I received my TEC NEWS coin from the editor Sally Kirka that Lloyd Wagaman made, for an article I sent in last year and the coin is very nice. There's a drawing of it in the July 1977 issue and it's really beautiful. It is so well done and while I'm on the subject I'd like to thank Lloyd Wagaman and Sally Kirka. This elongated TEC NEWS coin is taking a place of honor in my collection. Another good part about the TEC NEWS coin is, that we get the coin free if we write an article of 250 words or more for our TEC NEWS.

So far this summer has been nice, cool in this part of the country with very few high humidity days and comfortable nights. Then it's still only June at this writing. I'm afraid of what July and August might bring. I just thought I'd get at least one story written, so Sally will at least have a few minutes of July and August to get some rest. So if you have an interesting story about the elongated coins, why not send it in. Will be looking for it.

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AN ELONGATED COLLECTOR WRITES

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Does anyone have the first TEC elongated coin, founded August 20, 1966 for sale? Please contact me. My address is Peter Carmel, 225 West Hudson Ave., Englewood, N.J. 07631.

Reading about the convention makes me want to go. Boy, how I would love to, so I could come back with a whole lot of elongated coins. Somehow I just can't make it this year or any of the next few years. I live near New York City, but couldn't make it last year. I'm really a little angry with myself for not making it. If you live near the convention city make sure you get there.

Well this is just a few minutes work and I hope that I will be able to get another article in before the end of this year to do my bit for the TEC NEWS. How about you trying.

SEEING OLD FRIENDS AT THE A.N.A.

by Dottie Dow TEC #1
Phoenix, Ariz.



Seeing old friends at the ANA convention has always been a thrill, but this year it was the biggest thrill of all. Even with this being my 16th ANA convention and TEC'S 11th anniversary.

Dick Townsend met me at the airport with open arms. I think we both had a few tears in our eyes. He got me to my hotel, "The Holiday Inn", just one block from the ANA convention hotel "The Marriott". Within an hour and with out any sleep for a day and a night I had to go to the lobby of the Marriott Hotel and prayed that my friends Sally and Al Kirka and Ruby Threlkeld would be there. Sure enough they were there and they hadn't changed a bit. More wet eyed greetings were exchanged.

Why all the wet eyes? Well because at last years ANA convention I caught "Ocula Shingles" and came within one day of going totally blind in my left eye and partially blind in my right. I had missed over three months of work and am still recuperating. The sight of the TEC members just overwhelmed me. The thought that I had come so close to never seeing them again, made me wet eyed and saying prayer after prayer.

It was good to see Bill Henderson again. I remember how the art work for his "Colorado Centennial" elongated coin was the first art work I had tried after my bout with the shingles after getting two new special pairs of glasses I was able to see again. I did a few minutes of art work every two or three hours. It took me a week to do what should have been done in an evening, but I thanked God that he had helped me and I knew things would be O.K. again. The art work these days goes slow, but with God's help it goes well.

Sally Kirka did a tremendous job all year as president and with her wonderful husband Al, put out a stupendous newsletter. Please keep up your good health so we can all keep seeing each other as years go by.

NOTICE

More convention news in the next issue as coming home sick and then rushing getting TEC NEWS out, I just couldn't do it. So will rest up a little and will see if I can make my report on the A.N.A convention in the next issue.

PHILATELIC NUMISMATIC COVERS

by Sally Kirka TEC #16
Manchester, Conn.

Making Philatelic Numismatic Covers, "P.N.Covers" for short can be a lot of fun making them. Now as an elongated coin collector, we can use our elongated coins in the P.N.Covers and sort of show them off. You sure can make some very nice P.N.Covers, if you come up with a good idea.

I think my first P.N.Covers with elongated coins were given to me by Dottie Dow. Dottie has made some of the most outstanding covers that I have ever seen. She has put out a few hundred by now and each one very nicely made. I remember I bought one set of P.N.Covers from Dottie Dow for \$15 and this same set now sold for \$150. This was sold at one auction that I know of. Boy was I glad I had bought a few sets at that time for the \$15. a set. I have many of her beautiful P.N.Covers in my collection and have won the "Best of Show" around fifteen times on them. Each time I had exhibited any of my P.N.Covers I won a prize on them. Her Canadian set of P.N.Covers also won every time I exhibited them too. I also show the coins painted and this makes the exhibit stand out.

Later I received some P.N.Covers that Lloyd E. Wagaman had made with his elongated coins in them. He made some special P.N.Covers and the one I'm very proud to own, is the one of their anniversary P.N.Covers. Again, Lloyd Wagaman too has made some outstanding P.N.Covers and I'm just as proud of each and everyone that I have of his as I am of Dottie Dow's.

So after collecting P.N.Covers of other members in the last few years, about five years ago I tried my luck making my own. I wrote to my friend Lloyd E. Wagaman and asked him for some help on how to make a P.N.Cover. Believe me he was very helpful to me and told me the basic facts and I took it from there and started thinking of my own ideas.

So in the last four or five years I have tried my hand in making my own P.N.Covers. When you have to do everything by hand you can't make to many and I was mostly interested in making a few for myself. Then I would make a few extra and gave them out to my many friends. In Florida I made a special P.N.Cover to give to my TEC officers that had worked for me the first year I was president. I had the TEC logo put on and then I put all the TEC officers names on of that year. I only made enough to give to the officers as I was learning. These were canceled in Florida at the A.N.A. Convention. I found out later, these go under rare collectors item as I had made so few.

Each year I think up newer ideas and try to improve on them. It takes a little time, but after awhile its not so bad. Now this could go into a lot of money, so don't think this is a cheap hobby, but you still can make them at a reasonable price too. Only to make a nice fancy one you can go into a lot of money. So at times I do the best I can with what I have. I do have my envelopes specially printed for some ideas and some I add on to the envelopes I already had made. Like last year with my bicentennial envelopes, I just added on the names and places I had the elongated coins for.

I even tried out making P.N.Covers with wooden postcards that I had special made and this went over big with my wooden money collectors. It was wooden money, it had my elongated coin on them, it was a wooden postcard and when canceled it was a P.N.Cover.

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PHILATELIC NUMISMATIC COVERS

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This past year in New York I saw many people having P.N.Covers with just about every thing in the covers along with the elongated coins. No one really had any to sell, but I knew I traded with a few, so I have most of them. A very good idea for the TEC members to try. Think up a nice idea and see what you can do. Elmer Anderson gave a few kits out to make your own P.N.Covers to the TEC members. These were given out as door prizes at the TEC meeting. If you had put it to-gether that same day and had it canceled that day you had something special.

I know by making some P.N.Covers with elongated coins makes our elongated coins stand out a little more. I know when I exhibit many people take notice of the exhibit. Many times I was asked by a stamp collector if I would sell them one of my envelopes. Those I bought or had given to me I'll never part with. As for me I just don't have the time to make many, so I just make enough for myself and a few to trade with. Maybe someday I will have the time, but as for now its a long time off. Its like I made a few this year and on some only two or three of each will be made. Yet some of these took me a few nights to make only one. There's lots of cutting to do when making a fancy large P.N.Cover.

So folks put your thinking cap on and see what you can do to try making your own idea with elongated coins in P.N.Covers. When you do make one write an article about.

ELONGATED 1976 TEC BADGES

by H. Hessenthaler TEC #656
Buffalo, New York

Just received one of the 1976 TEC badges that were ordered by one member who neglected to send for it when they became available. This Bi-centennial rolled out quarter with the red, white and blue ribbon attached sure is a nice addition to my elongated coin collection. Sally Kirka was right when she said it is a beautiful rolled out quarter. This badge commemorates the tenth TEC annual convention held in New York City, August 26, 1976. A full sized Miss Liberty statue surrounded by a field of stars is the center of attraction. However the reverse is equally outstanding with the "Spirit of 76" drummer boy showing boldly.

This is the first TEC badge I've purchased, having missed the boat on previous issue. If the former TEC badges are as nicely rolled, then I think I've made a mistake in not acquiring them. I know it is too late to order the 1977 TEC badge, but I'll be waiting in the background for our editor to announce in a NOTICE, that she has a few left that were ordered, but were not called for later, even when their names were put in the TEC NEWS letting them know about this. Meanwhile I'll start looking for the first nine TEC badges and hopefully with a little luck I might succeed in buying them.

I consider this badge a good buy even though its initial cost of \$3.30 is quite high, for as Mrs. Kirka said, "only 150 quarters" were rolled. Thats not many at all when you consider the fact that 1976 was our Bi-centennial year and everybody and his grandfather were out to make a killing manufacturing everything imaginable in multitudes. Plates, medals, stamps, bottles, you name it.

Thank you Sally Kirka. Incidentally I've purchased Lloyd E. Wagaman's calendar elongated half dollar Bi-centennial 50¢ piece on your recommendation also. Ah! Another gem.

NOTES OF INTEREST

Before we go any further I must say one thing, "all ads" must be paid in advance. For more information read page three, or write to me. Mrs. Sally Kirka, Editor, 116 Oak Street, Manchester, Conn. 06040. All ads must be sent in before the deadline of each issue. Or I should say the ads should be at my home by the deadline. If you are late in sending it, its no fault of mine. The deadline means just that. Will appreciate your help and understanding on this.

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I see many members are asking where they can buy a new rolling machine. I will still say Bob Luchtman makes and sells a very good machine, as thats the kind I have and like very much. He helped me so much and gives me good advice that I highly recommend those that are interested to write to him for further information. Believe me you will be able to roll coins as soon as you clamp your machine down to your work bench. His address is, Box 185, Steamboat, Nev. 89436. Remember that S.S.A.E. when writing for information.

As of this writing I do not know if he has any machines for sale now, but you can write and find out. I don't know if you will be a millionaire in one year, but you can have fun trying.

If I hear of anyone selling a good used machine you can be sure I will let the members know in the TEC NEWS. So read your TEC NEWS.

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Thank you Glen Tye for being the first and only one so far as of this writing, for writing and thanking us for the beautiful TEC NEWS COIN we sent out for writing an article for the TEC NEWS since January. This is not in our by-laws to give this extra elongated coin. Its only because of the kind generosity and the goodness of his heart that Lloyd E. Wagaman makes and donates these elongated coins to help get members to write an article. Many people take all the free coins for granted, but if it wasn't for a certain few donating these coins, no free coins would be given out. So its nice to hear a member write and say how much they appreciate their coins. Thank you Glen for those kind words.

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Just received word of the new address of the House of Elongateds. As you know the company has been sold and the new address of the House of Elongateds is 5322 West Belmont Ave., Chicago, Illinois, 60641. As far as I was told they produce elongated coins and have more than 400 designs available. You will have to contact them for listings.

You can still buy any back issue of elongated coins from the old stock as limited amounts are still available. You can write for these listings from Ron Chathan, 96 West repplier Road, Banning, Calif. 92223. The original elongated coins are now called type 1 and the owners in Chicago have a small dot on their die and their elongated coins are known as type II. I hope this helps out the TEC members a little. For more information write to the above address and not to me as this is all the information that was passed on to me.

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While you are enjoying your Christmas shopping remember I still have to get the TEC NEWS ready to mail out to you folks. Help me so I can do some shopping too, by sending that article in early. The sooner you do that the better for me. Share with us your story about your elongated collection.

NOTES OF INTEREST

Thank you A.A. Rosato for your article about your book as now most members know how you are coming along with your book. Remember folks, if you want to buy one book, or maybe two, why not order your book now. His address is A. A. Rosato, 44 Bank St., New Milford, Connecticut, 06776. Remember Mr. Rosato will let you know when his book is available, so give him a chance to work on it and to finish it. Remember after being sick for a few months, let him rest as he will be working on his book whenever he can. When the book is ready he will let the members know more about it.

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By the time you read this Joe Rakaskas may be already on the road to recovery. I received word in July that Joe would go to the hospital for some surgery. So here's hoping your home and doing well by the time you read this in TEC NEWS. Welcome home Joe from all your TEC friends.

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Our own Chester Rogers, a member of the Board of Directors was in the hospital in June and July. Chester fell 25 feet off a ladder and broke his arm in two places and also hurt his back. As of this writing in early July Chester doesn't know when he will be out of the hospital. So our prayers go with you Chester Rogers for a speedy recovery. We are still hoping we can see you at the TEC meeting in Atlanta, Ga. If we don't we will miss you. So don't stay sick, get well quick.

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A special thanks goes to these members for donating coins for the TEC meeting in Atlanta. Those that have donated in June and July were Al and Sally Kirka, Charles Strickland, Don Adams, Mary Eggleston. Thank you all for helping Tec and this is appreciated by your president Sally Kirka. This is a job asking others for a donation and at times some don't even want to be bothered. My sincerest thanks to all that have given in the past as this has been a great help to us all. If members want to give out elongated coins on their own at the TEC meeting they can still do so at our TEC meeting.

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Chuck Strickland of Tuscaloosa, Alabama has donated \$25. toward the TEC showcase at the A.N.A. museum in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Chuck has also donated the book "Today's Elongateds", by Lee Martin. This book will be kept by TEC as the editor's reference book and will be passed on to the next editor. At times an editor needs a book for reference. So thank you Chuck for both.

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Received two very nice elongated coins from Elmer Anderson, of Pontiac Press, 35 Greenwich Ave., Warwick, Rhode Island 02886. One is of Charles A. Lindbergh. It has the stamp with the plane on the coin and the year 1927-1977. The other one is the 40th anniversary of the Zeppelin Hindenburg, disaster May 6, 1937. This coin shows the zeppelin as it burst into flames, or when it exploded. Two very nice elongated coins for your collection. Now if you collect coins with planes this is a must for you to send for. I think the coins are a \$1. each. They are so nice why not buy two. Mr. Anderson also has special holders stamped for these coins. So when you buy the coins you get the stamped holders and can exhibit the coins the way they are. No other sign needed to show what the coin is about. It tells you on the holders. For information on these coins or holders, please send a S.S.A.E.



HELP!
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ARTICLES NEEDED -by Sally Kirka TEC #16
Manchester, Conn.

Come on folks, if you haven't written that article you have been meaning to write all these months and years, why not give it a try now. You may just find you have a hidden talent you didn't know you had. If you have a good story about elongated coins, why not write about it. Let others enjoy reading the article. An article should be 250 words or more. If its very long and we do not have room for it, it will be put in two parts.

Try to keep your articles about elongated coins, or as much about them as you can. There are many interesting things you can write about, like what you thought of the first elongated coin you ever saw, when you started collecting, how you got started collecting, your best elongated coin in your collection. You really can write about many things about you and your elongated coins. So start thinking and please write us an article. The more the better. As long as the articles are not out to hurt anyone, they will be put in the TEC NEWS. We will appreciate any help you can give us. Remember this all helps you, the members too. Maybe recently on your vacation you saw a roller somewhere, so write and tell us how you enjoyed seeing an elongated coin made. There are many rollers around in the larger cities and you may have met one this year. Its very interesting to see how the elongated coins are really made. If you had exhibited lately, write and tell us how you had set up your exhibit. Lots of times many members would love to hear how you made your exhibit. This may help them to make an exhibit for themselves.

No articles will be returned, if your article is so valuable please do not send it. I do not want to be responsible for such a valuable one. So I repeat, no articles will be returned. Also no articles will be given to others to use.

As of this writing I do not know if a TEC coin will be given out as this has to be talked over first. Hopefully we will have a nice TEC NEWS coin as we did for the past few years. These coins will be very valuable in years to come as there are so few coins made. One or two years there were less than a 100 made and in the last two years just a little over a 100 elongated coins of that year were made. All the elongated TEC NEWS coins are numbered and were given to the members who had sent in an article that was used in the TEC NEWS. So those that have earned one of these prized elongated coins have a real beautiful elongated coin in their possession and a very nice collectors item to boot. Just think that our own loveable TEC member Lloyd E. Wagaman made and donated all those elongated coins to you the TEC members, just for writing that article so the other TEC members can read and enjoy them with you.

So please, help us and help TEC and write that article now. Do your part by helping TEC by writing that article and don't be too long in sending it in. Send it by plane, train, mail, truck, or walk over, but send it in. Remember if it comes after the deadline it will be put into the next issue of the TEC NEWS. All derogatory articles will be rejected as I aim to have this a good family newsletter that everyone can read and without hurting anyone.

OUR VISIT WITH SALLY & AL KIRKA

by Barbara Izzo TEC #662
Carlstadt, N.J.

This past July, John and I wanted to go visit one of our cousins in Trumbull, Connecticut. It was a beautiful day and as we haven't seen our cousins in a long time we decided to make this trip. While we were there, we thought since it was only a few more miles away to the town of Manchester, Connecticut we would give a call to our TEC president and see if they would be home. We gave Sally a call and were on our way within a few minutes.

Sally had coffee ready and a nice snack when we got there, so we all sat down and had coffee together. The afternoon was very hot and as Sally wasn't feeling to good, we all sat in the room where the big air-conditioner was. It was nice and cool there. So we all relaxed and had a long talk about everything, but mostly we talked about elongated coins.

I showed Sally how I kept my elongated coins in pages and was pleased she liked my idea. Before each page of elongated coins I had a list of my coins typed out and from whom I received the coin, or how much I had paid for them. As it turned out Sally said, this was a very good idea as this way I had a record of all the coins I had.

As we were sitting there talking we were shown how Sally makes her P.N.Covers and this proved very interesting to me. Maybe one of these days I will also try my luck in making one also. You learn a lot when you can see how things are made. I wish you could have seen the things Sally makes. A little of everything, only Sally said, right now she can only make enough for herself. I could see on some of the things, where it would take a lot of work and time to make even one. All I know is Sally has some beautiful things in her collection that no one else will have.

As I know Sally also collects owls, I brought her a few for her collection. She was very well pleased and I know they all will be added to her collection. She then showed us some she already had and told us that many of the TEC members had sent her many of them. She loves to point out to the owls and will proudly tell you which TEC member sent her the owl.

So all afternoon was spent talking about elongated coins, holders, how to exhibit and how to make P.N.Covers. I enjoyed every minute of the afternoon visit. When it came supper time Al said, we would all go out for supper so we can all sit down and enjoy the meal. This we did at a beautiful place in Glastonbury, Connecticut.

After our supper, Al took us to his clubhouse and we all had a coke and visited for a few minutes. Then we returned to their home and talked some more about elongated coins. Sally then surprised me and gave me some nice things she had made. This was a nice surprise to me as I did appreciate this very much. As time was flying our visit was coming to an end. We had a long drive ahead, but this was a visit we all really enjoyed.

Now I can't wait until the August convention as I want to visit with all our T.E.C., D.W.M.C. and N.E.N.A. friends in Atlanta. It will be nice seeing Steve and Alice Penzes, Wendell and Thelma Morningstar, Ruby Threlkeld and of course Sally and Al Kirka. After the convention we all should have plenty to write about in an article for the TEC NEWS. Its well worth the try to receive this very beautiful free TEC NEWS elongated coin.

Thank you again Sally and Al for a wonderful time in Manchester and all the nice things you gave to me for my growing collection.

HOW TIME DOES FLY

by Ruby Threlkeld TEC #202
La Marque, Texas

It only SEEMS like three months since we were celebrating our Christmas and all the festive things that go with the holiday season. Everyone is anxiously trying to acquire all the new issues of elongated coins that members sent out this time of the year.

Then it only SEEMS like six months since we gathered together in New York City for the meeting of THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS and the AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION convention. Yet it has been nearly a year.

We are all getting ready for another such meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. Plans have been made by our President Sally Kirka and our Secretary, Al Kirka and all the other officers of THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS CLUB. We are hoping this will be the best convention yet. We are expecting some fine exhibits by the members who can exhibit. Everyone cannot win a plaque, but all can show others what they collect and the fine hobby we enjoy so much.

As most of you know my state, TEXAS, will host the A.N.A. convention in 1978. Houston is the city where it will be held. It is too early for me to tell you much about this convention or what is being planned at this writing in July. The ASTRO HALL CONVENTION CENTER has been reserved and the ASTRO WORLD HOTEL across the street has been reserved for those coming to the convention.

I can tell you this, Houston is a fabulous city. One of the largest in the UNITED STATES and the most modern. I live 60 miles from down town Houston and yet I cannot tell you too much about it except this city IS BIG. It has many fine motels and hotels, many fine restaurants and eating places. The prices range in the categories you will find in all large cities. Houston is the home of the DOME STADIUM where the Astro's baseball, Jet's football and Oiler's basketball is played. They are well known for its zoo, art galleries little theater, Aerro's ice hockey and many other things. There are many other things I will tell you about in some future articles in later issues of TEC NEWS.

Houston officials have been anxiously awaiting a visit from the V.I.P. officials from the ANA, so they can go ahead with plans for the convention. They are interested and anxious to have everything for its best for all who come to their city.

I believe HOUSTON (and TEXAS) will do all in their power to make your visit enjoyable. About the only thing they will be unable to control will be our hot weather and from what we are reading in newspapers and seeing on TV these days (July 1977), there is a heat wave all over. People who never thought they would need an air-conditioner are having them installed now. You will find all city buses, all taxi cabs, all hotels, motels and restaurants with plenty of air conditioning for your comfort. There are also plenty of swimming pools around for those that enjoy these things.

So make your plans now for the A.N.A. Convention in Houston, TEXAS in 1978 as TEXAS will be anxious to have you come and visit. I know we members of THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS CLUB will do all we can to make you happy you came. So see you in TEXAS in 1978. You can also bet there will be many elongated coins made for this special event. So TEXAS here we come.

A happy Thanksgiving to all the members of T.E.C. from all the T.E.C. officers. So don't eat too much turkey so you can still write that article for our TEC NEWS. Will appreciate this.

BOOKS - THE ANSWER TO KNOWLEDGE

by Angelo A. Rosato TEC #23
New Milford, Conn.

Ignorance, unawareness, or unenlightenment are a few words to describe the unfortunate situation in the elongated hobby when it comes to knowing the answers to some important questions.

It is with certainty that the elongated hobbist has for a long time acknowledged the tremendous importance for the need of guides or reference volumes in elongateds. The collector has long been confronted with the lack of factual information. This is not to say that the reader so far, has realized that there is only a basic knowledge in elongateds through the two or three already published works, all a very courageous effort, and very much appreciated. However, there is still an element of speculative or temporary vagueness in many areas of elongated proficiencies. There is a definite needfulness for the enlightenment of all facets connected with the elongated hobby. There is also a need to smooth out the intricate and complex label, classification, or the identity known to all of us as the "rolled out" coin.

What then is the answer? Has the elongated collector given a serious thought to the importance of elongated guide or reference books? Can the collector truly understand the need for facts? We indeed are most unfortunate not to have a wealth of knowledge available in elongateds as we are fortunate in other areas of numismatics. It is a fact that we have less information in elongateds than any other types of collecting. There is no comprehensive catalog! There is no classic work during this period! An abundance of information there is not, but the two major works by Dottie Dow and Lee Martin are most indispensable. These two works have been very essential and a vital principal in the survival of the elongated hobby thus far. However, with no intent to goad these two important contributions, we are still unversed, unaware and ignorant in elongated expertise.

Again then, what is the answer? The answer of course is simply the need for more books! Should anyone get the idea that books are not that important, then consider please where would the information come from. With out books only whimsical, speculative and even imaginary thoughts could slant a correct answer. This can only produce failure and a slow downfall in the hobby. Books and more books therefore, have the resources to reality, truths, statistics, particulars and specifics. Books may also scan the areas of proven actuals, exactness, accuracies, correctness and authenticities.

Having confronted the perplexities of putting together a work on the subject of elongateds for more than nine years, I can only express a deep sadness for having recently learned of the lack of response towards the interests in good elongateds books. I say this with some reservation in the hope this is not totally true. However through recent and much correspondence with Lee Martin, he was disenthralled in the last letter to me. I have encouraged, praised and applauded him for his efforts for the recent attempt in a new work on the subject covering all the older elongated coins. He has long known of my laborious and herculean endeavors in application of the "modern elongateds." We are both convolved in a lacework of the "old" and the "new" elongateds. We both understand the exertion, grind and sometimes wearisome intricacies of the work. His disappointment mentioned the meager reaction of orders for his book. He reminded me not to expect any great dazzling response for mine.

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BOOKS - THE ANSWER TO KNOWLEDGE

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I cant say I was exasperated for the unresponsiveness from the collectors for his book. I too had similar sluggish requests for my book after my article appeared in the July-Sept. 1977 TEC NEWS.

Having taken a moment in my last article to express the scope of my work and explain a few reasons for the long delay in completion, I felt there would be a better understanding. I did not evaluate the poor response in my request for interested subscribers. The few names sent to me, I have registered in my files. The subdued interest for my book has in no way decelerated my ambitiousness to push ahead with the work. The historic value has no recourse but to forge ahead! I will not submit to a cessation at this point. I will continue to strive for a complete manuscript in every aspect, facet and feature for the book! once complete, I will then determine by any apparent appreciable interest if the manuscript will ever go to press. Having read every issue of TEC NEWS since that of Vol. 1, No. 1 Aug.-Sept.-Oct. 1966, I have heard the cries from the many for more information in elongateds. Books are not easily made, but they are on their way! A book represents months in to years of diligent research and work. They contain answers even to the most obscure questions. With the everyday pursuit of our hobby, we must consider and support the books as the fundamental fountainhead for knowledge. Those of us who have taken on the responsibility to record the information, or a segment of historic data, have been compassionate for the essential needs in elongateds. So through a book we can become aware, enlightened and free of ignorance.

To recapitulate what I have outlined in the first portion of this writing, the key then to knowledge for the collector is through books, any book, no matter to what extent of information it may provide. A real book is not one that we read, but one that read us! I have a favorite quote about books, by Amos Bronson Alcott: "That is a good book which is opened with expectation and closed with profit."

COINS DONATED

The elongated coins that are being sent out to the TEC members were especially made and donated for the October TEC NEWS issue by Lloyd E. Wagaman. Only one elongated coin is always given out with the TEC NEWS to each member. A special thanks goes to Lloyd for these coins from all of us. We now have elongated coins to give out with the January and April issues (1978). If anyone cares to donate coins for the July or October issue, please get in touch with me (Sally Kirka). Anyone donating coins for give away with TEC NEWS automatically gets a Merit Award coin for the year the coins were given out. Remember what members give in 1977, they receive their 1977 Merit Award coin at the TEC meeting in 1978. Don't wait to long to hear from you as I will accept the first donation for this.

NOTICE

Remember folks if you need any elongated holders for your coins why not order some from Mary Eggleston, Route #3, Box 144, Lee's Summit, MO. 64063. The holders are \$1.75 postpaid for a 100. The holders are getting harder and harder to get, so if you need the white cardboard holders, order yours now.

MORE IDEAS FOR ELONGATED COINS

by Sally Kirka TEC #16
Manchester, Conn.

There are many things you can do with elongated coins. Here are some of the things I have made with elongated coins.

I have made many paperweights of different styles and they always look nice on your desk, or make a very nice gift for your friends. I have elongated coins in tiny lucite bottles and I made one out of a fancy mini bottle. I couldn't make to many as my mold didn't last. I have elongated coins in glass bottles, as I would ask the glass blower to make me some little thing and put my elongated coins in them. When you see a glass blower at a fair, ask him to make you a few mini bottles and put an elongated coin in them.

I have had many different pin buttons made with an elongated coin on them. Some are only one or two of a kind. This again can be done at the fairs, as there is a man at most fairs making pins and mirrors as you watch. That is where most of the bracelets with the elongated coins were made. This is why you may find an elongated coin with a hole at each end. This looks nice, but your hand may turn green from the copper pennies if not plated.

There are also wooden postcards that can be made with elongateds. This can cover a few things in the numismatic world. It could be called a wooden postcard, wooden money and with an elongated coin on it, it covers elongated coins too. When you have these canceled as I do each year they are then called Philatelic Numismatic Covers. The way I do it is I make wooden money postcard size with elongated coins in mind.

I have a beautiful elongated coin ring made by Bob Luchtman that he gave to me. This was made special as I know it will always be one of a kind. I love to wear this to the coin shows, as that's when people notice the ring. Sometimes I have to prove to them that it is a real silver dime. It sure was once, but it's now a beautiful ring with my picture on it.

I even had a friend cut out some elongated coins for me. I gave the rolled out elongated coin to my friend and he cut Lincoln out the way it was rolled. I had these made into earrings and a necklace for myself. There are many dealers like Bob Luchtman who sell rolled coins in earrings and necklace sets. Bob sent me a set with the Zodiac sign of the month of December. This set is really beautiful and nice to wear.

Now if you have a rolling machine you can roll the coins about $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches, or longer and then I make this into a necklace. I also tried rolling the dimes just a little so the coin was about an inch long, or less. This proved a nice size earring and I really liked it that way. No, I don't make these for sale, I'm only telling you what I have in my collection.

I also have the longest elongated coin made and the tiniest mini coin rolled. I put these in a frame and exhibit them as this is interesting for others to see. Maybe someone else has a longer one but who really cares. I'm just writing of what can be made with elongated coins.

I remember a few years back I bought a whole sheet of about two dozen key chains and the elongated coins were in lucite. I bought them all as I didn't have the elongated coins in my collection. Also it was cheaper buying them, than making them myself. Others just drill the hole in the elongated coin and add this to the key chain and that is alright too, but they wear better in lucite.

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MORE IDEAS FOR ELONGATED COINS

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If anyone else has any other ideas of what can be made with elongated coins, lets hear of them. It will be interesting reading about them and maybe others may try out the ideas.

Oh, I almost forgot, I have some beautiful letter openers made out of lucite with my coins in them. One year Dottie Dow had some made up to give her officers one when she was TEC president. These were beautifully made and very expensive. So those that have one are very lucky. Now lets hear from others what you have made with an elongated coin.

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NOTICE!

Orders are now being taken for the 1978 TEC badge. You must order your TEC badge for the next year before the deadline of April 1st and we will again roll only as many badges as we have orders for. Even though we have this notice in TEC NEWS, there are a few that always forget to order one, then walk away mad when we don't have extras to sell. Yet its not our fault that they didn't order their badge before the deadline. The only time we can sell extra ones are if a person orders one and then forgets to buy it. So please order your 1978 TEC badge NOW. DO NOT send payment, we are only taking orders.

DEADLINE DATES FOR NEXT ISSUE - ADS NOV. 17th - ARTICLES NOV. 19th

TEC NEWS COIN

by Sally Kirka TEC #16
Manchester, Conn.



I have sent out all the 1977 TEC NEWS coins to to the ones who have earned it, up to #66. All the rest for this year will be sent after the TEC NEWS (October issue) is in the mail. The last coins for 1977 will be for articles in the October issue.

Now I'd like to thank all those that have been sending in articles for the TEC NEWS. This is appreciated by me and many of the readers. Keep those articles coming.

Now articles should be 250 words or a little more. Long articles will be put in two parts, unless we have room for them. Also articles should be about elongated coins, or things pertaining to TEC. Personal thanks to members should be sent direct to them. NO ARTICLES WILL BE RETURNED. Don't send me anything so valuable, as I don't want to be responsible for it. I will reject any article that is of a derogatory nature. There are so many good things you can write about without hurting anyone. Remember everyone is trying to do their best. If you can write a better story, then why not do it.

Below are the list of names of the TEC members who have an article in the (July-August-September) issue of the TEC NEWS. These coins were already sent. Only those having an article in the October issue will have their coins sent to them in October. All left over coins will be destroyed, so only the ones that sent in an article for the TEC NEWS during the year will have one.

44 -	From the President's Desk - - - - -	Sally Kirka #16
45 -	TEC NEWS Coin - - - - -	Sally Kirka #16
46 -	Yesterday's Elongateds - - - - -	Lee Martin #129
47 -	Restrikes or Originals - - - - -	Bob Luchtman #136
48 -	A Day at the T.V. Station - - - - -	Chester Rogers #515
49 -	Owls are Beautiful - - - - -	Barbara Izzo #662
50 -	You too, Can Come up with a Winner - - - - -	Al Kirka #450
51 -	Coins are Worth What Ever You'll pay - - - - -	Sally Kirka #16
52 -	Rainy Sunday March 13th Proves Lucky - - - - -	Jack Wilcox #332
53 -	Thoughts for Easter - - - - -	Ruby Threlkeld #202
54 -	Notes of Interest - - - - -	Sally Kirka #16
55 -	A.N.A. Hotel in Atlanta Georgia - - - - -	Harold Anderson #483
56 -	Our Trip to Israel - - - - -	Abe Gefter #122
57 -	The Joy of Collecting - - - - -	Harold Snyder #98
58 -	The Autobiography of an Elongate - - - - -	O. Wilson Morgan #183
59 -	TEC Membership Coins - - - - -	Jack Wilcox #332
60 -	An Encyclopedia of The Modern Elongated - - - - -	A.A. Rosato #23
61 -	John Gubata Memorial Award - - - - -	Sally Kirka #16
62 -	Enjoy your TEC NEWS - - - - -	Glen Tye #630
63 -	The Back Door - - - - -	Martin Rossow #689
64 -	The TEC Family - - - - -	Sally Kirka #16
65 -	Its About Time - - - - -	Gary E. Glise #664
66 -	John, John, Kennedy Coin - - - - -	Sally Kirka #16

The deadline for ads for the January issue of TEC NEWS is Nov. 17th and the deadline for articles is November 19th. From now on any articles that come in after the deadline will be put in the following issue. There will be no exceptions. There is a time that even I must take it easy and slow down a little. This is a thankless job and more than once I'm given a sarcastic remark for all our work trying to get the TEC NEWS out to the members.

NEW MEMBERS

TEC#	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP
729 Alan Moser	P.O. Box 883	Palatine, Ill.	60067
730 Robert Kantor	5322 Belmont Ave.	Chicago, Ill.	60641
731 Richard Montford	P.O. Box 1135	Lakeside, Ariz.	85929
732 Scott Lum	926 B Alewa Drive	Honolulu, HI.	96817
733 William Hamberger, Sr.	4627 Park Ave. - 4N	Bronx, N.Y.	10458
734 Peter Moss	P.O. Box 156	Teaneck, N.J.	07666
735 Daniel Branco	Rt. 206 - Box 1503-A	Mt. Holly, N.J.	08060
736 Peggy Borgolte	P.O. Box 2377	Sepulveda, Cal.	91343
737 William A. Canary	R. #6, North River Road	Jamesville, Wisc.	53545
738 Lester Merwin	P.O. Box 643	St. Petersburg, Fla.	33751
739 George Alexander	Apt. 312 - South Four Mile Run Drive	Arlington, Va.	22204

REINSTATED

257 Robert E. Dempsey	739 N.W. 18th St.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	33311
650 Ronald L. Kostka	16405 Edgewood Drive	Livonia, Mich.	48154
524 Herman Krajewski	Box 117	Rockville, Conn.	06066
611 Kurt Krueger	P.O. Box 7	Kimberly, Wisc.	54136
726 Col. Bill Murray	Swain Rt.	Ozone, Ark.	72854
724 Phil Walton	1912 No. Ocean Blvd.	Pompano Beach, Fla.	33062

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

272 Elizabeth C. Stevens	55 Sereno Court	Somona, Cal.	95476
121 Abe Gefter	245 West 38th St.	New York, N.Y.	10018

NEW ISSUES OF DOTTIE DOW'S COINS

Spirit of 76 (error) no drum stick in hand - - - - -	\$1.00
Sprit of 76 Corrected drum stick added - - - - -	.50
America's Bicentennial 1776-1976 - - - - -	.50 ✓
Ben Franklin Bicentennial, map, 1776-1976 - - - - -	.50
Boys Town Philamatic Center (private issue) - - - - -	-
Signing of Declaration of Independence - - - - -	.50
Dottie Dow - Handshake, N.Y. (1976) TEC Owl - - - - -	.50 ✓
R. Townsend Bicentennial, ANA, N.Y. (private issue) - - - - -	.50 ✓
TAMS salutes Bicentennial 1976 N.Y. (on cent) - - - - -	\$1.00 ✓
TAMS salutes Bicentennial 1976 N.Y. (on Ariz. token) - - - - -	\$2.00 ✓
Conejo Valley C.C. Happy Birthday America, Calif. (private issue) - - - - -	- ✓
Grand Central Coin Conv. (Statue of Liberty) Nov. 1976 private issue	-
GENA, Head of Uncle Sam (private issue) - - - - -	.50 ✓
"The Greatest Moment of Your Life is Now" - - - - -	.50 ✓
God is always there but it helps to meet him halfway - - - - -	.50 ✓
"Smile" God loves you - - - - -	.50 ✓
Colorado Centennial August 1876 -1976 (private issue) - - - - -	- ✓
H.S.N.A. 1976 City of Refuge, Hawaii (private issue) - - - - -	-
Winter Pastime (Christmas) matches stamp - - - - -	.50 ✓
Spirit of 76 (with stars, no picture) - - - - -	.50

For more information on these coins please write to Dottie Dow
Box 5238, Phoenix, Ariz. 85010. Please don't forget the stamped
envelope when writing for more information.